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RE: Cosden Oil & Chemical Company

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

On October 16, 1969, Cosden Oil & Chemical Company, which maintains a plant in Calumet City, Illinois, was informed by Mr. C. W. Klassen of the Illinois Sanitary Water Board that the Board had rejected a request by Cosden to extend the time in which to complete construction of water pollution control facilities at this plant.

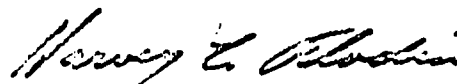
This action came as a considerable surprise, because Cosden has never discharged any waste effluents into public waterways. Cosden, at its Calumet City plant, has, in the past, used water from the Calumet River for cooling purposes, but this cooling water was returned to the river substantially unchanged, except for a change of a few degrees in water temperature. The suspended solids contained in the discharge to the river were essentially, therefore, the same solids contained in the intake.

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Cosden purchased the subject plant on November 1, 1968, and the company, at that time, was not aware that SWB-15 imposed a duty to upgrade the quality of water taken from the river before discharging the same back into the river. Upon learning of this duty, Mr. William Gibson, Cosden's Coordinator of Air and Water Conservation, took immediate steps to design a new method for cooling within the plant which would abate any potential problem. In recognition of a public duty, Cosden, at great cost, including special costs incurred by reason of certain construction difficulties, finalized this project prior to December 15, 1969, the date upon which, after hearing, The Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago agreed such facilities should be completed. This letter is intended as notification that Cosden has so completed construction of its pollution control facilities.

This new system, which is now installed and in full operation, totally eliminates outfall to the river through the use of closed cooling towers. The system was designed and installed in the shortest possible time period after Cosden became aware of a potential problem, and, as indicated, the company, in recognition of a public duty, spared neither manpower nor expense in expediting the completion of this project.

Very truly yours,


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